

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

The Clerk called the bill (S. 927) to amend section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. NICHOLSON. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I should like to ask the gentleman from Maryland what this bill means.

Mr. SASSCER. This is a Senate bill from which the House committee eliminated what we thought was the controversial part.

The bill provides in substance for the immediate employment of not to exceed 15 persons on the retired list—not retired for disability but on the retired list in the United States Army. I may say briefly that these particular positions are directed to a field of special training in which the Central Intelligence Agency feels that by virtue of the past experience and associations of these particular persons, some of whom they have in mind, they can get persons qualified to do this particular work. It is vitally important and they feel the authority should be given them as quickly as possible. We had an open session, then we went into a closed session and the subcommittee was unanimously of the opinion that the bill was important.

Mr. GOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SASSCER. I yield.

Mr. GOLDEN. I think our committee heard that this bill would save the Government a good deal of money. These persons who are experts in their line are now drawing retirement pay. They are needed badly in the various services, and if they are taken from retirement, they will not cost the Government any more than new employees, and the Government will then save the retirement pay that is going to these 15 people.

Mr. SASSCER. That is correct. The bill provides that they do not draw their retirement pay and that of the office to which they will be appointed.

Mr. NICHOLSON. As I understand it, this bill gives the officers of the United States Army, including warrant officers, double pay?

Mr. SASSCER. No. Under existing law, the Central Intelligence Agency cannot go out and get these particular persons. This gives them the authority to go out and get these particular people and provides specifically that they shall not get dual pay.

Mr. NICHOLSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to look this matter up. Therefore I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

Mr. SHORT. Mr. Speaker, may I say to the gentleman that this measure simply makes possible that Central Intelligence Agency may employ up to not exceeding 15 experts, men of extraordinary skill, men of long experience, that it would be difficult to find anywhere else. It is because of their exceptional skill,

outstanding ability, and long experience that they desire to have these individuals. Instead of costing us additional money, it will, as the gentleman from Kentucky and the gentleman from Maryland pointed out, save us much money, and I hope the gentleman will not ask that it go over.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I may say to the gentleman from Massachusetts that General Smith, who is head of CIA, also considers it is vitally important that he be given this authority.

Mr. NICHOLSON. Mr. Speaker, after listening to the gentleman from Massachusetts, the gentleman from Missouri, and the gentleman from Maryland I withdraw my request.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (Act of June 20, 1949, ch. 227, sec. 6, 63 Stat. 211) is hereby amended by the addition of a subsection "(f)" as follows:

"(f) (1) Notwithstanding section 2 of the act of July 31, 1894 (28 Stat. 205), as amended (5 U. S. C. A. 62), or any other law prohibiting the employment of any retired commissioned or warrant officer of the armed services, the Agency is hereby authorized to employ and to pay the compensation of not more than 15 retired officers or warrant officers of the armed services while performing service for the Agency, but while so serving such retired officer or warrant officer will be entitled to receive only the compensation of his position with the Agency, or his retired pay, whichever he may elect: *Provided*, That upon appointment under the authorities of this subsection, or any other authority of law, officers or warrant officers retired for injuries or incapacities incurred in line of duty may, in addition to the elections set forth herein, elect to receive, in addition to their retired pay, additional compensation at a rate equal to the amount by which the compensation of their position with the Agency exceeds their retired pay.

"(2) Nothing in this section shall limit or affect the appointment of and payment of compensation to retired officers or warrant officers not presently or hereafter prohibited by law."

With the following committee amendment:

Page 2, line 6, strike out all after the word "*Provided*" and all of lines 7 to 13, inclusive.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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